tonnes of pig iron at concessional rate of duties.

**Drought affected villlages in Orissa**

1844. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state·

(a) whether Government have declared some villages in Orissa as drought affected villages;

(b) if so, the total number of villages in different districts of Orissa which have declared as drought affected; and

(c) the steps taken to provide relief in those villages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV). (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

**Closing of fertilizer units**

1845. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fertilizer units closed down during the last three years;

(b) whether the Fertilizer units functioning at Talcher in Orissa has also been closed down;

(c) if so, the year since when that Fertilizer unit has been closed down, and

(d) the steps taken by Government in the revival of that unit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) M/s. Hari Fertilizers Ltd., Varanasi, a private sector company was closed down in July 1988 due to economic contraints.

(b) to (d) No, Sir. However, the Talcher Fertilizer plants of M/s. Fertilizer Corporation of India was shut down in May, 1988 for taking up annual maintenance jobs. The Plan was thereafter restarted in December 1988 after maintenance and rectification of defects identified during the inspection.

**Non-payment of employees' share of Provident Funds contribution by M/s. Jugantar Ltd. and Amrit Bazar Patrika**

1846. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question 325 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th August, 1988 and state:

(a) whether M/s. Jugantar Ltd. have paid employees share of Provident Funds contribution for the year 1988-89;

(b) whether the Amrit Bazar Patrika have since deposited the employees' share of Provident Fund contributions fully for the 1987-88 and 1988-89;

(c) whether it is a fact that Employer's matching contributions have not been deposited to the Provident Funds of M/s. Jugantar and M/s. Amrit Bazar for several years;

(d) if so, the total arrears of Employer's matching contributions both for Jugantar and Amrit Bazar till date;

(e) total arrears of both the companies in respect of both employer's matching contributions and employees' contributions deducted from the employees' wages till date; and

(f) if defaulted, actions taken and proposed to be taken to recover the arrears?